ELUNITED STATES PATENT AND T **EMARK OFFICE** In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 540-231 C# M# 2 0 200 roup Art Unit: 3726 FISHER et al. Examiner: David Bryant Serial No. 09/623,681 September 7, 2000 Date: May 20, 2002 Filed: MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY OF STRUCTURES Title: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment minus highest number 11 \$ 0.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = \$ 18.00 Independent claims after amendment 1 minus highest number 0.00 previously paid for \$ 84.00 (at least 3) =х \$ 0.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 400.00 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) Nease enter the previously unentered , filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 400.00 -\$ 0.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract \$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00 0.00 Other: **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED** 400.00

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## **AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed December 18, 2001 (Paper No. 6), the date of response to which has been extended two months up to and including May 20, 2002 (May 18, 2002 falling on a Saturday), in view of the attached two-month extension of time petition and petition fee.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification to add headings and subheadings as follows.

Page 1, between the Title and line 1, insert the following heading and subheading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention+;

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